

Weekly Newsletter: 26th September 2025

Our School Christian Vision: 'Working together to build a firm foundation for learning and caring.'
Rooted in Matthew 7 24 – 25: "Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock."



CHRISTIAN VALUE OF THE TERM: LOVE



Message from the Headteacher

We've had such a lovely week in school with lots to celebrate!

On Monday, our Years 1, 2 and 3 children enjoyed a visit from author Sarah Surgery, who inspired us all with her stories and creativity.

In our collective worship times, we've been thinking about the values that are important to us. We've also talked about how we should respect that everyone might have different views and values, and how this makes our community special.

Today we celebrated National Teaching Assistant Day with a coffee morning, hosted so brilliantly by our House Captains. It was a wonderful way to say thank you to our amazing teaching assistants for everything they do.

And a big well done and thank you to everyone who has supported our School Council's Second Hand September sales. Today was our last sale, and so far the children have raised an amazing £172.82 (not including today's money!). The School Council will soon be deciding what to spend it on, and we can't wait to share their ideas with you.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs West-Gaul

Parking

Could we please remind everyone to be considerate where you are parking when dropping off and picking up. We have received a complaint regarding the parking in visitor bays in St. Chad's Green. Please consider using one of the local car parks or walking when possible.

Dates For Your Diary

September

30th: Year Five Trip to We The Curious.
30th: Little Acorns Stay and Play - Open Day for Reception 2026

October

2nd: EYFS & KS1 Phonics Workshop for parents
3rd: Year Six History Trip
8th: Harvest Festival, 9am. Reception parents welcome to join us.
14th: Little Acorns Stay and Play - Open Day for Reception 2026
21st & 22nd: Parents' Evenings
23rd: PTA Disco & Non Uniform Day
24th: INSET Day

Awards and Achievements

Well done to all our pupils who have achieved an award.



	Star of the Week	Star Reader
Acorns	Radleigh Violet	-
Ash	Woody	Evie
Birch	Isabella	Alex
Chestnut	Elsie	Jake
Elm	Freddie W	Sofia
Hazel	Myla	Isabelle
Holly	Alice	Jesse
Maple	Sophie	Evie
Oak	Evelyn	Eva
Pine	Rueben	Bethany
Rowan	Darcey	Harry
Sycamore	Josh	Taylor
Willow	Josh	Blake

Top Doodling Class

HAZEL



Well done!

PE Achievements of The Week

Year 6 Sycamore - Rudi and Grayson
 Year 6 Willow - Blake and William
 Year 5 Rowan - Todd and Charlie
 (whole of Rowan class were excellent)
 Year 5 Pine - Amelia S and Reuben
 Year 4 Oak - Mackenzie and Darcey
 Year 4 Maple - Noah and Loula
 Year 3 Hazel - Harrison and Maeva
 Year 3 Holly - Harry
 Year 2 Chestnut - Tommy and Ayda
 Year 2 Elm - Freddie White and Lottie
 Year 1 Birch - Eden and Freya
 Year 1 Ash - Dougie and Evie



Hot Chocolate Friday



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School ID: **31825**

Pupil Leadership at St John's



A warm welcome from this years School Councillors!

For those of you that don't know, we are a voted in by our fellow pupils to represent our school and feedback ideas for improvement. This year we have split into three sub committees:

Environment Group - we are working with the leaders at St John's to make the school more environmentally friendly and sustainable.

Community and Friendship Group - we talk about ways in which we can make St John's a happier place for everyone to be.

Charitable Giving Group - we look at fundraising events that we can take part in throughout the year.

Message from our Charitable Giving Group

We will be celebrating Harvest on Wednesday 8th October and will once again be supporting Bath, Keynsham and Somer Valley Foodbank. We need your help in supporting this cause with the list of items requested. Please put any donations in the blue bin by the main office by Tuesday 7th October.



Bath, Keynsham
& Somer Valley
Foodbank
Together with Trussell



Biscuits
Chocolate bars
Curry Sauce (Jars)
Custard (Tinned)
Dental
Deodorant
Long Life Juice
Mash (Instant)
Milk (UHT)
Noodles / Kettle
Rice Pudding (Tinned)
Shampoo
Soup (Tinned)
Vegetarian Tinned Meals
Fish (Tinned)
Pasta Sauce (Jars)

Bath, Keynsham & Somer Valley Foodbank can only accept non-perishable food items (tinned and dried goods), which do not spoil or decay. All items should be unopened and in date. We have no storage facilities for fresh food so if you collect fresh food we would prefer you to arrange for it to go elsewhere. If you need any ideas of where to send it, we can help.

Thank you so much for your support!

General Messages

Will your child be starting school in September 2026?

We will be continuing our successful Little Acorns 'Stay & Play' sessions throughout the Autumn and offering a play session led by our experienced early years teacher and a 'Open Day' tour of the school. Refreshments will also be provided.

The next sessions, which all commence at 9.30am, will be held on:

- Tuesday 30th September
- Tuesday 14th October
- Tuesday 18th November
- Tuesday 16th December

We are also holding an Open Evening on Tuesday 4th November, 6pm.

For further details and to book your attendance, please contact the school office:
office@stjohns.mns.org.uk



JOIN OUR LITTLE ACORNS

Will your child be starting school in September 2026?

Join us for our new 'Stay and Play' sessions to introduce you to our school.

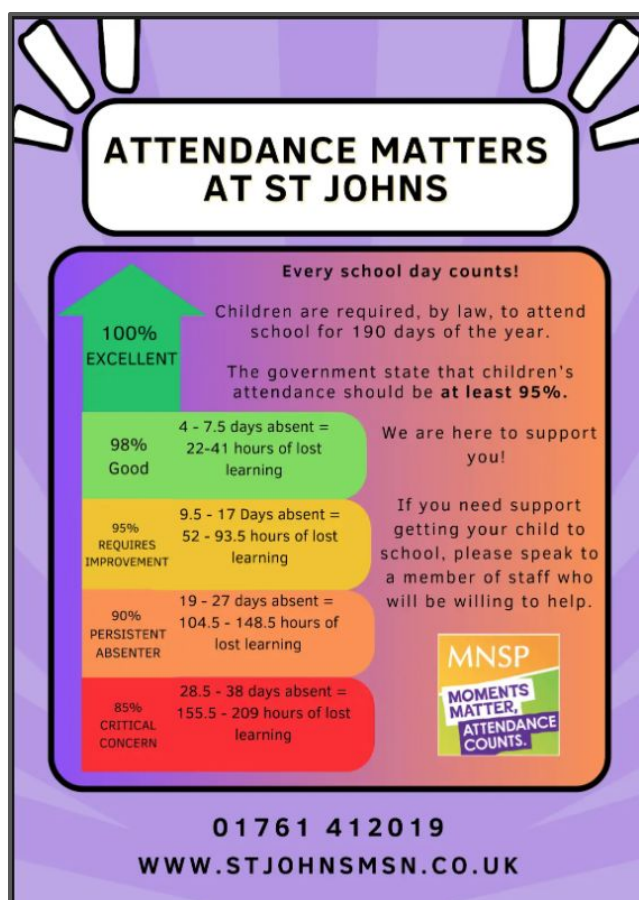
Included:

- Play session led by experienced early years teacher
- 'Open Day' tour of the school
- Refreshments



OPEN EVENING : TUES 4TH NOV 6-7PM

CONTACT US:
EMAIL: OFFICE@STJOHNS.MNSP.ORG.UK WWW.STJOHNSMSN.CO.UK



October Half Term Halloween Camps With Ignite Sports

We are pleased to announce that our Sports coaches (Ignite Sports) are offering camp days in the October half term, here at St John's:

Football Camp: Monday 27th October
Halloween Games Camp: Tuesday 28th October

Places are £20 per day (9am-3.30pm) and are being run by Tom and Mr Brixey, both of whom work with the children regularly in school.

For more information and to book, scan the QR code below [or click here](http://www.ignite-sport.co.uk)
www.ignite-sport.co.uk
tom@ignite-sport.co.uk

Is my child too ill for school?

As the weather becomes colder and we spend more time indoors, illnesses can start to circulate more, and we see a rise in absences in school.

There is a careful balance needed to ensure children are in school when they are well enough, whilst protecting other children from anything that may be contagious.

If your child is unwell and you are unsure if they should be in school or not, or if you need guidance about how long they should be kept at home, please see the table below.

For more guidance about how to treat common childhood illnesses, and whether your child should be in school or indeed needs to see a medical professional, you can download the 'Handi App' from your usual app store.



Should I keep my child off school?

Yes

	Until...
Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



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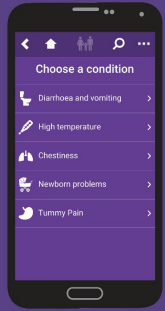
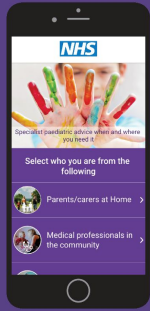
Advice and guidance
To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfoc>.

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Not sure what to do when your child is unwell?

Download the free **HANDi Paediatric** app and get expert advice, support and guidance for common childhood illnesses.



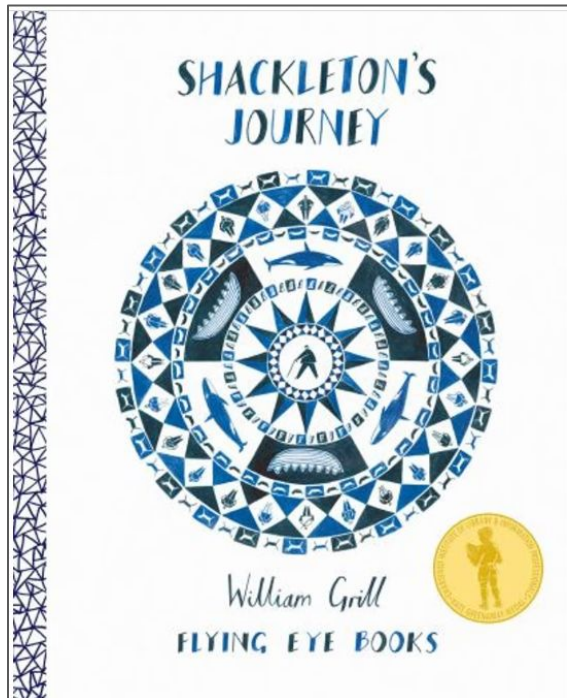


Search
"HANDi Paediatric"



Reading in Year Four

For Guided Reading in Year Four this term we have been reading the book 'Shackleton's Journey' written and illustrated by William Grill. This book describes Shackleton's journey to Antarctica.



The children enjoyed how Grill's beautiful use of coloured pencils effortlessly evokes the adventure and excitement that surrounded the expedition. His detailed drawings bring the text alive and help the children to understand the expedition.

We looked at a lot of new and interesting vocabulary, learnt about the many challenges Shackleton and his team encountered along the journey and, most importantly, how they overcame them.





ignite sport

after school sports clubs
St John's C of E Primary School



Final
places



Years 1 & 2
Football
Monday



Years 3 - 6
Football
Tuesday



Years 1 - 3
Dodgeball
Wednesday

**BOOK
ONLINE
HERE!**

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why join...?

Whether your child is new to the sport, or an experienced player, our sports clubs provide an environment that is engaging for all. We believe in providing children with lots of individual time on the football, or with the dodgeball in hand, to improve their skills and confidence, as well as tailored games to improve their game understanding, tactical awareness and teamwork.

For more information
check our website

www.ignite-sport.co.uk



Community Notices

Strategies for supporting autistic children and young people



A guide for education settings
from Early Years to Post-16
created by the Specialist Autism Support
Service, B&NES



Date of first publication: January 2021
Updated: November 2024

Bath & North East
Somerset Council



Attention Parents

Are you parenting a child with ADHD?

Join our **Parents Plus 'Children's ADHD Programme'** and meet other parents of children aged 6-12 in a supportive group to help your child reach their full potential.

Supporting parents to:

- Personally cope and manage stress
- Understand ADHD and how to help your child
- Problem-solve and deal with challenges
- Understand the role of medication

Supporting children to:

- Have a positive understanding of ADHD
- Gain confidence and self-esteem
- Navigate school and homework
- Manage feelings and build friendships

When: Wednesday 8th October 2025 to 3rd December 2025 (excl. half term)
Time: 1230 – 1430

Where: Radstock Children & Family Centre.

Hope House Centre, 10 Waterloo Road, Radstock BA3 3EP.

For more information, please contact:

Louise Belson 07530-263259 Louise_Belson@bathnes.gov.uk

or Joan Cooper 07875 488581 Joan_Cooper@bathnes.gov.uk

ParentsPlus
Empowering Professionals to Support Families



Connect



Nurture



Belong

PLAY & WELLBEING GROUP MIDSOMER NORTON

Come and be part of a welcoming space where families with primary aged children and siblings can grow, play, and connect through planned activities and free play with their child(ren).

Facilitated by our Play Support Workers, our weekly sessions are designed to support both children and parents by encouraging positive interactions in an inclusive and friendly environment.

Through shared play experiences, families can:

- Build confidence
- Support with wellbeing
- Develop social skills
- Strengthen bonds that carry over into everyday life at home
- meet other parents/carers and feel a real sense of belonging and community.

SCAN BELOW TO
REGISTER YOUR
INTEREST!



Where?
Somerset Centre, Gulluck
Tynning, Midsomer Norton,
Radstock
BA3 2UH



When?
Starts Thurs 5th June
3.30pm - 4.45pm
Term Time Only



EcoWild

You are Nature

Children's Half Term Workshops

Greyfield Wood, High Littleton

Fun filled workshops that offer the opportunity for children to explore, learn new skills and get inspired by the natural world, whilst spending lots of time outdoors in the magical Greyfield Wood!

Halloween Forest Crafts - Thursday 30th October

Fairy Tale Survival Skills - Friday 31st October

10am - 3pm

£35 p/child p/day £25 p/sibling p/day



www.ecowild.org.uk/book-now

hello@ecowild.org.uk



SCAN HERE

**Years
1 - 6**

**09:00
-
15:30**

OCTOBER CAMPS

**St John's C of E
Primary School,
Redfield Rd,
BA3 2JN**



**football camp
Monday 27th Oct**



**halloween camp
Tuesday 28th Oct**

www.ignite-sport.co.uk



The B&NES Specialist Autism Support Service (SASS) is a team of specialist practitioners aiming to empower education colleagues, families and young people across B&NES to access the most appropriate support and information.

Our range of Padlets



with supporting
resources and
information

www.padlet.com/SASSBathnes

Our SASS Helpline
every Wednesday
morning
9am-12pm
01761 412198

**Training for
professionals**
including Autism
Education Trust (AET)
training: so that staff
supporting your child can
access updated support
and information



Regular newsletters
including best practice
updates, new resources...
and more
<https://padlet.com/SASSBathnes/newsletter>

**Parent/Carer
Coffee Mornings**

led by SASS team members
at Longfellow's Cafe, BA3 3A
- see the dates [here](#)



**Universal Level Support
available through SASS
for families**

this support can *always* be
accessed, even if a referral for
targeted/specialist support
for a young person has not
been accepted*

**Sharing of
resources**

including our [SASS
Specialist Guide for
Education Settings](#)



SASS Choir
whole family
welcome!
See our
flyer [here](#)



**Supportive School /
Setting Audits**
Using the AET
Standards Framework
see our audit
resources [here](#)



**Training for
parents/carers**
including
[Cygnat](#) training -
our training overviews
can be found [here](#)



*Our universal offer is available to those with a B&NES home address, between the ages of 0-18, or those residing in B&NES with an EHCP aged between 18-25. It is available to all professionals working in B&NES. No autism diagnosis is required to access our coffee mornings, SASS Choir or our parent workshops on supporting diagnosis/autistic identity. We will not request confirmation of diagnosis when you initially call our Wednesday helpline.



For information about training and events, and one-page profiles of the team members,
please visit: <https://padlet.com/SASSBathnes/Updates>



Where support to implement best practice regarding autism and SEND is required,
please also consider contacting the **Inclusion and SEND Advice Service**:
<https://www.bathnes.gov.uk/inclusion-and-send-advice-service>



Agility All-Stars – celebrating 1 year in Midsomer Norton!
Our family-run football programme for children aged 18 months to 7 years is proud to be part of the local community. We run fun indoor sessions every Saturday at The Somer Centre, Midsomer Norton, and every Sunday at Two Rivers School, Keynsham.

To mark our first anniversary, we're offering free taster sessions plus 50% off the registration fee for new joiners—making it the perfect time to start! Agility All-Stars focuses on building confidence, teamwork and a love of sport, with age-specific groups and friendly, qualified coaches.

💎💎 Book a free taster today: www.agility-all-stars.co.uk

💎💎 07920046538 💎💎 agilityallstars1@gmail.com

Come and see why so many local families have joined our growing All-Star community!

#agility_allstars

